

**PATENT APPLICATION**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

Docket No: Q81296

Takashi TANI, et al.

Appln. No.: 10/570,138

Group Art Unit: 1793

Confirmation No.: 5057

Examiner: Carol M. KOSLOW

Filed: March 1, 2006

For: PROCESS FOR PRODUCING FINE METAL OXIDE PARTICLES

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION AND ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENTS**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of February 25, 1008 and the Restriction Requirement set forth therein, applicants hereby elect Group I, claims 1, 5, 6, 8-12, 14-24 and 25 (which claim was omitted by the Examiner from all of the Groups identified by the Examiner, but which applicants believe belongs in Group I), for examination in the present application.

In response to the Election of Species Requirement set forth in the Office Action, applicants hereby elect Species I. Of the claims from Group I, claims 1, 5, 6, 8-12 and 14-16 are readable on the elected species.

Applicants make these elections without traverse.

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